

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford  
Parish Review**

AUGUST, 1955

**THE DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF  
WORCESTER**

News of the death of the Bishop has been received as we go to press. Reference to his life and work will be made in next month's issue. All of us who knew him feel a deep sense of personal loss, but with this there should be heartfelt thanksgiving for his sanctity of life and for his wholehearted devotion to his high office.

"Grant unto him eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

W.B.C.

**A SHORT ACT OF THANKSGIVING**

For that great love of Thine in sending to the world Thy beloved Son, for all the words of His lips and the works of His hands and the compassion of His Heart

**We thank Thee, O God**

For His calling of the twelve, for His doing of Thy will, for His dying on the Cross and for His paying the price of sin

**We thank Thee, O God**

For His rising from the grave, for His appearing to His followers, for His sending of them forth and for the giving of His Spirit

**We thank Thee, O God**

For His dwelling in the Church, for His Word and Sacraments, for all who have obeyed His great command to go, and for the promise of His glorious kingdom

**We thank Thee, O God**

**CONCERNING THE CHURCH**

(1) In one lifetime the Christian must learn that being saved he is saved to serve. The Church has needed a longer adolescence to realise its selfhood as the fellowship of forgiven sinners. If it now knows itself to be the redeemed community, has it yet fully grasped the truth that it is redeemed in order that it may give itself to the service of mankind in the Name of God?

For many reasons I am inclined to think that this twentieth century is the stage in the Church's history at which God wills us to take the step forward of grasping this truth. Is this uttering a platitude, elaborating the obvious, pushing an open door? Let me put some counter questions: Do we in actual fact and practice think of the Church—of our Baptism, our Confirmation, our Bible reading, our Worship, our Communion—as all existing in order that through us God may be at work in His world, working for its redemption and perfection? If I were the Rector of a parish, instead of being a Professor in a University, would my congregation and I think of ourselves as bound together to care in God's Name for the welfare, both temporal and eternal, of the community

in which we were set, not interested in ourselves, but sharing God's interest in the redemption or perfection of His creation? Or would we fall into the temptation of thinking of the world as existing for the Church instead of the Church for the world, and only be interested in our neighbours in so far as they could be used for the building up of the life of the Church?

When the priest allows himself to slip into that attitude, or when the priest and the layman allow themselves to think that the Church has fulfilled its function if it has ministered to the salvation of their own souls, in them the Church is suffering from arrested development. We need to think of the Church as the body through which our ascended Lord is seeking to rescue His world from all evil with which it is infected, the body in which artists may be cleansed and inspired for the service of beauty, scholars for the pursuit of truth, politicians and industrialists, merchants and labourers, doctors and lawyers and countless others for the better ordering of our common life.

LEONARD HODGSON.

(2) There are people who will stop away from church if they do not happen to feel in the mood for going. There are even people who will stop away from church because of what someone in the congregation has said to them or of something that the Vicar has done, and there are people who persuade themselves that it is perfectly all right to do that sort of thing.

People who stop away because of something the Vicar has said or done of which they do not approve, never stop to think of what they are really doing.

They never stop to think long enough to see that the unity of Christ's Church, which goes on in spite of the little differences that we may have with one another, the friendship that we hang on to among ourselves, is part of our necessary witness to the Church of God.

They are dimming the lamp that God wants them to be holding up before the world. There is nothing that keeps other people away from God more effectively than bad feeling between Christian people.

THE BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER.

**FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP-BOOK**

(1) There was once a doctor in a French village who was about to retire. He had been on call day and night. The people had not been able to pay him very much, but that had made no difference. He cared for them as well as he was able. As the day of his retirement approached the people wished to make a concrete expression of their gratitude and affection. It was proposed that on a given day, since they had so little money to give, they each bring a pitcher of wine from their own cellars and pour it into a large barrel in the village square. This would be his present. The day arrived, and all day long people were seen pouring their offering into the barrel. The evening came and the barrel was taken to the doctor's humble residence and presented with the inevitable speeches. The presentation over, the people went back to their homes and the doctor was left alone with the memory of their love. He went to the barrel and drew off a drop of wine and sat comfortably by the fire to enjoy it. The first sip was a shock. It tasted like

water. He sipped again. It WAS water. He went back to the barrel and drew off more. It was still water! So he called the Mayor, and the Mayor called the villagers, and there was hurried consultation. The truth was ultimately revealed. Everyone in the town had reasoned, "My little pitcher of wine won't be missed. I have so little for myself. The others will take care of it. The little drop of water that I substitute won't be noticed."

(2) The scene is outside an East End church. The Sunday School children are bringing their offerings for the Thanksgiving for the Harvest—which include anything from an Oxo cube to an outside vegetable marrow.

A small boy and girl struggle through the crowd of excited children. Alfie, the little boy, is crying. Dolly, his sister, is hurrying him to the curate inside the church.

"What's the matter, Alfred?" asks the curate. More tears were the answer, but Dolly acts as spokesman:

"Please, our Alf's crying because he's eaten his Harvest Festival." It was true. Only the tiny core of a juicy pear remained in Alfie's hand.

There are many of us who use selfishly the things which belong to God—and live to be sorry.

### (3) THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me a steady hand, a watchful eye,  
That none may suffer hurt when I pass by.  
Thou givest life, I pray no act of mine  
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.  
Shield those, dear Lord, who bear me company  
From foolish folk and all calamity.  
Teach me to use my car for others' need,  
Nor miss through lack of wit or love of speed  
The beauties of Thy world, that thus I may  
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### Church Services.

The Services will be as usual during August.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day — Sunday, Sept. 25th.

### ANNUAL OUTINGS

**Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild** (July 14th). London is hardly the place to visit with the temperature soaring into the eighties, but who could foresee this when the Outing was arranged? Last year when we went into the heart of the countryside it rained! However, the band of hot and tired members who arrived back safely seemed to have had a lot of enjoyment during the day. Tribute should be paid to the admirable arrangements made by Mr. M. W. Jennings, who spared no effort to make the Outing a success.

**Choir.** The Annual Outing will take place on Saturday, Aug. 20th, Weston being this year's choice. Contributions towards the cost will be gratefully received by the Choir Secretary (Mr. A. G. Crisp).

## FETE RECEIPTS, 25th JUNE, 1955.

	£	s.	d.
"Men's Effort" .....	42	5	0
Programmes and Gate Money .....	14	15	6
Donations .....	5	15	0
Produce Stall (Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stewart) .....	57	0	0
(a) 1st Sunday Group Stall .....	53	13	0
(b) 2nd Sunday Group and Helpers (Tea Room) .....	13	3	2
(c) 3rd Sunday Group Stall .....	43	2	9
(d) 4th and 5th Sunday Groups and M.U. Stall .....	61	19	3
(e) Sideshows .....	35	4	0
Book Stall .....	2	4	6
Lemonade Stall (per Mrs. Salter) .....	2	10	0
Jumble Sale .....	20	3	0
Bicycle Competition .....	46	10	0
British Legion Competition .....	5	3	3
<b>Total Net Receipts</b> .....	<b>£403</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>

(a) Includes Bottle Stall £18 12s. 0d.

(b) Includes per Mrs. Grove £4 0s. 6d.

(c) Includes per Mrs. A. C. Sears £15, per Miss N. Smith £9 8s. 0d.

(d) Includes Fancy Stall £20 4s. 9d.; Mystery Parcel Stall £2 14s. 2d.; Cake Competition £5 14s. 6d.; Handkerchief Stall £9; Iced Cake £7 17s. 0d.; Pound Stall £11 3s. 0d.; Buttonholes 8s.; Miss Mary Smith £3 6s. 9d.; Sale of Aprons £1 11s. 1d.

(e) Includes Racehorses (per Mr. Yeates) £2 18s. 4d.; Gents' Bowling £6 16s. 0d.; Ladies' Bowling £4 3s. 6d.; Character Reader £2 5s. 10d.; Pony and Donkey Rides £2 14s. 1d.; Treasure Hunt £2 10s. 0d.; Throwing Plates £3 2s. 6d.; "Post Office" (per Miss E. Jones) £1 13s. 6d.; "Model Church" (per Robert Major) £1 7s. 6d.; Dropping Coin 12s. 11d.; "Roll-a-Car" (per Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith) £6 19s. 10d.

The Badsey Detachment of the British Red Cross Society kindly donated the prize money for the Apron Competition. The winners (Mrs. Betteridge and Mrs. Chapman) returned their prizes and the amount is included under "Sale of Aprons." Mrs. G. H. Stewart returned her prize for the Cake Competition. This has been carried forward to the August Fête. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. H. Robinson for the gift of milk for the Tea Room.

## THE AUGUST FETE

The second united effort, for Church and Village Hall Funds, will be held on The Recreation Ground on Saturday, August 27th. It will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by The Mayor and Mayoress of Evesham.

Among the attractions are:—

**Fancy Dress Parade.** Children's and Adults' Classes. Entries will be accepted on the Ground; no entrance fees.

**Baby Show.** Three Classes. Six months to 12 months old; 13 months to 18 months old; 19 months to 2 years. Only babies whose parents reside in Badsey and Aldington will be accepted.

**Ankle Competition.**

**Numerous Stalls** including Bottle Stall, Bran Tub, Sweet Stall, Cake Stall, Schoolchildren's Stall, &c., &c. Gifts will be gratefully accepted for a "Gift Stall." These will be auctioned at 6 o'clock. Gifts for the other Stalls will also be welcomed.

**Sideways** include Ladies' and Gents' Bowling, Treasure Hunt, "Racehorses," "Roll-a-Car," Orange Shy, Character Reader, etc., etc.

Teas will be provided on the ground by the members of the Women's Institute.

For fuller details see Window Bills.  
Come and help us reach our target!

#### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES.

June 26th, £8, 12s. 5d.; July 3rd, £5 15s. 3d.; July 10th, £6 8s. 6d.; July 17th (Evening), £5 16s. 9d. **Total £26 12s. 11d.**

#### Other Receipts.

**Freewill Offering Envelopes**—Church Expenses £1 8s. 5d., Church Overseas 12s. 7d.—**Total £2 1s. 0d.** (No. 6, 15s.; Nos. 7, 11, 12, 5s.; Nos. 8, 16, 4s.; No. 10, 3s.)

**Church Fabric Fund:** Mr. W. L. Williams (Evesham).

**Magazine Fund:** Misses Burrows (Paignton).

#### WAR MEMORIAL

The following are kindly responsible for the Flowers:  
Aug. 7th, Mrs. C. Crane; Aug. 14th, Miss Agg; Aug. 21st, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow; Aug. 28th, Mrs. G. W. Marshall; Sept. 4th, Mrs. C. Stewart.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Marriages

July 16th.—Harry Reynolds, Harvington, and Brenda Jean Wilkins, Badsey.

##### Burials

July 13th.—David Charles Owens, aged 45 years.

**Rota of Sidesmen on Duty**—Posted in The Porch.

**Rota of Servers and Crucifers on Duty**—Posted in The Choir Vestry.

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

**Church Services.** The Services will be as usual during August.

**Mothers' Union.** Seven Members joined the Badsey Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Outing to London on July 14th. Members are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Phillips, and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

While on holiday Mrs. Chapman and I were very glad to renew acquaintance with the Misses Burrows, who have a delightful flat in Dartmouth Road, Paignton. They sent greetings to all their Wickhamford friends.

W.B.C.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (June 26th to July 17th incl.) **£7 6s. 4d.**

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Baptisms

July 17th.—Philip James Green.

**Sunday School.** Arrangements for the Annual Outing will be announced later.

#### WICKHAMFORD BURIAL GROUND.

The Wickhamford Parish Council has purchased, from Mr. A. W. Ballard, of Badsey, a site for a new Burial Ground in Golden Lane, Wickhamford. Application was made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for sanction to purchase the land and a plan was submitted, showing the proposed lay out of the ground, together with an estimate of the total cost. The Ministry asked for trial holes to be dug and their Inspector inspected them. The necessary sanction has been received authorising the raising of a loan to develop the site. Application has now been made to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan of £1,100.

The lay out of the ground will provide for a semi-circular entrance sufficient to enable cars to pull off the road, iron gates with Cotswold stone pillars, a footpath down the centre of the site, a wire mesh fence all round with a hedge inside, a building large enough to act as a robing room for ministers, the planting of some ornamental trees, and a screening hedge for the tool shed. Water will also be laid on.

A contract for the laying out of the site has been accepted from Mr. Emms, of Hampton, and the work should be in hand at an early date.

A scale of charges will have to be submitted by the Parish Council to the Ministry for their approval.

E.W.S.

#### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS.

**Badsey W.I.** At the July Meeting, Mrs. Randolph gave a most interesting and comprehensive talk on "Probation" and was thanked by Miss E. P. Barnard. After Refreshments, served by Mrs. A. Reed and helpers, Mrs. A. C. Sears sang a number of lovely old songs very beautifully. Mrs. G. Austen Jones was the accompanist. Mrs. Floyd voiced our deep appreciation.

The Monthly Parcel was won by Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. B. A. Sears was the winner of the Competition (Six Roses).

DAHPNE BELL.

**Wickhamford W.I.** At the July Meeting, Miss Blore gave a very interesting talk on Shrubs and Perennials. She was thanked by Mrs. E. Cooke.

Mrs. Pilkington gave a short report on the Produce Guild and on the Royal Show at Nottingham.

Mrs. G. Hancock's Sick Visitor's report was read by Mrs. Parry, and Mrs. T. Shannon Garvey was elected for the ensuing month.

A Competition for a vase of roses, judged by Miss Blore, was won by Mrs. S. B. Carter, and Mrs. E. Cooke won the monthly parcel.

Tea hostesses were Mesdames R. Folkes, M. Byron, H. Harman, Misses M. Figgitt and D. Daffurn.

D. DAFFURN.

**British Legion.** We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to all the members and friends who gave buds of asparagus towards the Legion Big Hundred. Everyone who saw the bundle after it was done up expressed the opinion that it was one of the best we have had and this may well be so, for every bud was of good quality and very evenly matched. It was sent to Messrs. F. & E. Beck Ltd. for auction and realised £4 4s. Perhaps not as much as we had hoped, but gone are the days when the bundle was put up for sale and several buyers gave a donation before the bundle was finally sold. However, it all helps to swell the funds and was, we think, well worth the effort.

P. H. SPARROW